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Guerra disqualified, Mendez new SGA vice president

By Alex Rodriguez

THE COLLEGIAN

Stephanie Mendez is the Student Government Association's new vice president of administration after her rival, Jose Arturo Guerra, was disqualified. Student Life Director and senate adviser Sergio Martinez said late Friday afternoon.

The election results were scheduled to be announced last Wednesday, but were delayed due to an investigation of grievances against the candidates for allegedly violating the elections code.

Throughout the election, which began April 8 and ended last Wednesday, the vice presidential race had been the most heated. Guerra and Mendez argued through Facebook and e-mail. There were reports of election code violations, ranging from destruction of campaign materials to the illegal use of iPads and computer laptops to gather votes.

Guerra received 534 votes and Mendez received 518.

He said that he was disqualified for a "complaint from a student that I allowed to use my computer to vote, but that is never actually specified on the election code."

"It is [a] very difficult process, with all the links that were set up to vote," Guerra said. "I did not break any rules concerning that."

He also said: "The candidate that was running against me works in the Dean of Students office, right outside one of the adviser's office, so it might be some conflict of interest."

When asked about Guerra's comment, Mendez

responded that it was not true.

"[SGA] Heather [Olague] is a very professional individual," she said. The election committee showed no biases, she added.

This year, Guerra, who is pursuing a master's of business administration, served his second term as president of the SGA.

He told *The Collegian* that he will appeal the election committee's decision.

Asked what her goals are as the new SGA vice president, Mendez replied: "I want the SGA to be recognized. I feel that some people, including staff, feel that the SGA is an organization and it's not. It's a department. I strongly believe if we have the right leadership, things can be accomplished. We have many things in this university that have to be done and all I ask for is everyone's support and trust."

Juan De Dios Flores won the SGA presidency with 658 votes. His rivals, Angelica Corona and Miguel Gonzales received 287 votes and 135 votes, respectively. Flores was cleared by the election committee of the alleged violations due to a lack of evidence, Martinez said.

Flores said he would like to make the SGA "a little more trustworthy, respectable and prestigious."

"Many students around campus don't know what we do, who we are and that's pretty sad to know," he said. "We should really try and strive to reach out to students [and tell them] that we exist and can help guide them."

Eréndira Santillana won the race for vice president of historical archives with 575 votes. Her opponent, Karen Zamora, received 470. Santillana also was cleared by the election committee of alleged violations due to a lack of evidence, Martinez said.

Staff Reduction in Force

García: No more RIFs

President explains how UTB will manage with fewer employees



BRYAN ROMERO/COLLEGIAN PHOTOS

The new registration assistance center is located in the Arnulfo L. Oliveira Memorial Library computer lab. Registration began April 2.

By Marlane Rodriguez

THE COLLEGIAN

After the termination of 89 faculty next month and 257 staff members in August, UT-Brownsville will have no more reductions in force, President Juliet V. García says.

García's words come in the wake of notices given to 257 employees on April 2

that they will be terminated on Aug. 31. Last year, the university notified 89 faculty members that they would be terminated as of May 31 of this year.

Asked in a telephone interview April 2 if there would be any more staff cuts, she replied: "No, none, none. This is it."

The majority of the 257 UT-Brownsville staff



Tercero



García

members who will be terminated in August work in departments under the Office of the Provost, according to information provided to *The Collegian* by

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The Collegian, UTB Radio net 24 state awards

By Héctor Aguilar

THE COLLEGIAN

The Collegian and UTB Radio raked in 24 awards at the 104th annual Texas Intercollegiate Press Association Convention held April 4-6 in Fort Worth.

More than 400 students from 44 colleges and universities gathered in the Hilton Hotel in downtown Fort Worth to compete in 30 on-site contests and attend

workshops in the busy three days.

Competition categories included newswriting, headline writing, television announcing, feature writing, magazine design and public relations, among others.

In the live contest awards, *The Collegian* gathered five awards.

Spanish Editor Viridiana Zúñiga earned first place in Spanish newswriting. UTB Radio News and Information Manager

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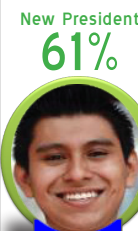


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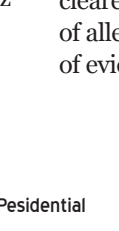
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Juan De Dios Flores



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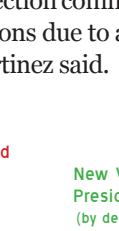
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José Arturo Guerra



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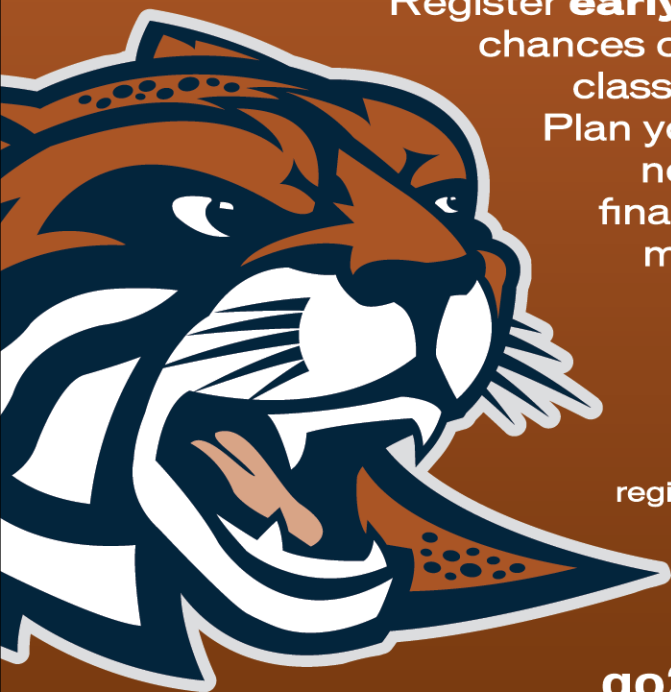


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Going green

SGA will plant a tree in observance of Earth Day

By Alex Rodriguez

THE COLLEGIAN

The Student Government Association has voted to buy a tree that will be planted on the Student Union lawn during Earth Day.

Resolution 32 initially was tabled during the April 2 SGA meeting. Senator at Large Miguel Gonzales suggested amending the resolution to buy two trees from a local nursery. The senate decided to table the resolution until its April 9 meeting in order to receive a quote from a local nursery.

On April 9, Gonzales told the senate that he has found trees that cost about \$70 to \$80 each.

“I tried to look for a tree about 3 to 4 years old ... but all they had were yearlings or 2-year-old trees,” he said.

The tree would need to be approved and planted by the Physical Plant. If the trees Gonzales suggested are not approved, School of Business Senator Alexandra Rodriguez suggested amending the resolution with a “Plan B.”

“If Physical Plant is not willing to accept the purchase of the tree from

the nursery, then we can go ahead and get them to take charge like they did last year,” said Stephanie Mendez, vice president of policy and procedure.

During the April 2 meeting, the senate approved Resolution 28, which allocates no more than \$700 for the purchase of two Kindles or iPad minis as prizes in drawings among students volunteering or attending the SGA’s orientation sessions on registering via UTB Online.

The resolution states that the effort is aimed at leading students to register on their own, including how to access UTB Online.

Karla Lozoya, SGA vice president of administration, said students who seek guidance will receive a ticket for the drawing and volunteers will receive a ticket for each hour they work. The event is under way outside the Student Union.

In other business, the senate approved Resolution 29, which allocates no more than \$600 to produce a professional five-to-10-minute video that will be presented during student orientations for the fall semester.



RICK SALDIVAR/COLLEGIAN

Student Government Association Senator at Large Miguel Gonzales suggests buying a tree locally for the Earth Day planting event, which would give money back to the community.

The video will inform incoming students of the senate’s purpose and how students can use the senate to voice concerns they may have, Lozoya said.

The SGA tabled Resolution 30, which sets aside \$800 for food, advertisements and materials to build a mock wall for the DREAM Act part of the Civil Rights Day event scheduled from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 17 at the Student Union. The senate will collaborate with student organizations, faculty and staff to host

events that deal with civil rights.

Center for Civic Engagement student representatives Pedro Castillo and Kristel Castrejon asked the SGA to help co-sponsor its United to Serve event with food donations and shirts for volunteers. During the event, scheduled from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 27, volunteers will help restore Camp Lula Sams in observance of National Volunteer Week. The senate will consider the request.

Learning to lead

Dozens of students

attend conference

By Marlane Rodriguez

THE COLLEGIAN

Responsibility, commitment and keeping promises are among the qualities of an effective leader, students were told during the Student Leadership Conference.

Organized by the Office of Student Life, the conference was held April 6 in the Student Union and SET-B Lecture Hall and encouraged students to be more involved and expand their educational value, Student Life Director Sergio Martinez said.

About 80 UTB/TSC students attended the conference.

Keynote speaker John Cook, an associate professor in the Communication Department, talked about key factors in leadership.

“Well, my goal as the keynote ... is to kind of motivate [students] to look at the importance of leadership and the responsibility of leadership,” Cook said after the conference. “So, I was kind of reaching for that sentiment of responsibility and commitment.”

Cook said he wants students to operate

under the principles he believes are important, “including 100 percent responsibility.”

“Ask for what you need when you need it,” he said. “Be able to tell the truth and tell it quickly. Stay psychologically present and keep your promises. I think the keys are to develop your communication skills and to learn how to realize that you’re the one that decides how you feel about things. Sometimes we react to others and we’re not aware that we can choose to react differently.”

Students can be more effective in social situations by projecting the best of who they are and engaging in authentic and honest communication, Cook said.

The students took part in several workshops throughout the conference, including one that involved networking and team building.

“I’m trying to get them to reflect and get to know themselves by drawing,” Martinez said during the workshop he presented. “We ask them what is their favorite song and where they want to go. I ask them to share their identities, and kind of use it as a leadership exercise, to see that we have a lot of differences but we [also] have a lot of [similarities].”

Sophomore psychology major and sales representative Emmanuel Martinez was among the students participating in the workshop. Martinez said he attended the



BRENDA LOPEZ/COLLEGIAN

conference to learn how to communicate more effectively.

Martinez said the workshop has helped him learn about other people’s goals and what they want to do in life.

“My favorite song is actually a Christian one, it’s called ‘Forgiveness,’” he said. “It tells you how to forgive and forget and live your

life happy.”

Other workshops were presented by University Scholars Coordinator Heather Olague, Creative Services Senior Editor Isis Lopez, Judicial Affairs Coordinator David Marquez, Student Development Specialist Stephen Cisneros and communication majors Normalinda Vera and Patsy Aguilar.

Students participate in a workshop during the Student Leadership Conference, held April 6 on the UTB/TSC campus. Students were asked to draw pictures that express their identity.

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Clarissa Villarreal
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“Yeah, sure. I think everyone should be happy and we have no right to judge anyone or say who you can marry or can’t marry.”
Jaime Noyola
Biology sophomore



“I do not, because since I’m a Christian I believe what the Bible says and the Bible says that God does not really support that kind of relationship. That’s what I believe. I believe whatever the Bible says.”
Karen Atkinson
Nursing sophomore



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Kinder, gentler streets

Thanks, Brownsville Police Department’s Traffic Division for increased patrols in West Brownsville. The speeders have slowed (a little) and stop-sign runners have begun to stop more (a little).

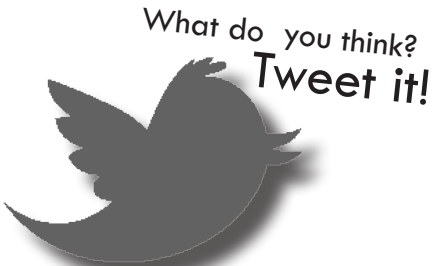
Ideally, those road-rules violators should not have to see the police before obeying the rules for urban civility. Why many drive disrespectfully is too deep a question for this brief letter!

There has also been some progress in discussions with Brownsville Traffic Department officials on establishing a 20-mile-per-hour speed limit on all residential streets.

Streets like Central Boulevard, West Elizabeth Street and Palm Boulevard could be excluded from the residential designation, with a 30 mile-per-hour speed limit their ideal.

To a slower pace for all, and consider leaving five minutes early for work, appointments and other scheduled situations.

Eugene “Gene” Novogrodsky
Brownsville



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A word of advice for bishops—compassion

Too bad that the Texas Council of Bishops’ hate of Planned Parenthood prevents them from seeing how essential Planned Parenthood is in the entire area of women’s health, including reproduction.

If the bishops are so opposed to the often-painful choice to have an abortion, they then would support Planned Parenthood’s family planning efforts.

Indeed, when women have full access to reproductive services, they rarely choose to have an abortion because their pregnancies are planned, wanted, desired.

Abortions are but a small part of Planned Parenthood’s services, barely 3 percent nationally.

Planned Parenthood does not provide abortion services in the Lower Rio Grande Valley.

But to be candid, if a woman wishes to know where she can have a safe abortion, Planned Parenthood will certainly advise her--totally within the law.

Yes, the bishops sometimes speak of the injustice of poverty, ill treatment of refugees, but that compassion does not extend to thousands of women’s health needs in the Lower Rio Grande Valley, or millions in the United States.

Eugene “Gene” Novogrodsky
Brownsville

Sticks and stones ...

By Brenda Lopez
COLUMNIST



We live in a world in which our actions, our words and our appearance are often criticized.

Throughout my life, I’ve met all kinds of people. I’ve met one of the sweetest persons you can imagine to the most cold-hearted one you can think of. I think we are all different for a reason.

Even though our personalities may conflict, I believe that instead of criticizing, we should learn from each other. Perhaps that would create fewer conflicts. There is no human being who is superior or inferior to another.

Unfortunately, we all know that criticism is never going to end because that is what our society tends to do. The only thing one can do is ignore the negative remarks and appreciate the good ones. Not everyone is going to be satisfied with the things you do, so learn to cope with it. I have been criticized for not doing or saying something, but in my heart, I try to stay firm and be who I want to be. This is something that I am proud of because it takes a lot of courage to grow up and be someone you want to be. I hope that one day I make a difference in people’s lives and be a positive influence on others.

I’ve learned that you can’t please everybody and some are going to talk. The decisions we make today should not concern others, as long as what you do makes you happy and a better person. I believe that the most important thing in life is having peace within and creating happiness.

Emergency air control action

Contract award avoids tower closure

By Rick Saldivar

THE COLLEGIAN

The Brownsville City Commission has awarded a contract to Robinson Aviation Inc. for air traffic control services at the city's airport.

Aviation Director Larry A. Brown asked the commission's approval for a contract to avoid the closure of the Brownsville/South Padre Island International Airport's air control tower.

Robinson Aviation, which is based in Oklahoma City, will be paid \$44,487 per month for the services.

The contract between the city and Robinson Aviation was established in response to a recent Federal Aviation Administration action that could result in the closure of the airport's air control tower, among other airport towers throughout Texas.

During the city meeting April 2, Brown said the contract would provide enough time to bypass the emergency situation that recent FAA budget cuts have caused and allow a long-term solution to be formulated.

Brown said the contract is crucial for the continuous growth of the airport.

"In 2002, June, we had one airline and three roundtrips a day," Brown told the commission. "We now have three airlines and between seven and 14 roundtrips a day. That's progress, but in order to have that we have to maintain the tools we have now such as the tower in order to allow us to be able to continue to grow."

The contract took effect April 3 and continues through Oct. 2.

Public library system growing

Jerry Hedgecock, director of the city's Public Information Services Department, gave a presentation on the growth of the Brownsville Public Library System and the issues it is facing.

The library system has a main branch on Central Boulevard, which opened in 1994, and another branch on Southmost Road.

Hedgecock said the system has seen a 199 percent increase in circulation from 2005 to 2012.

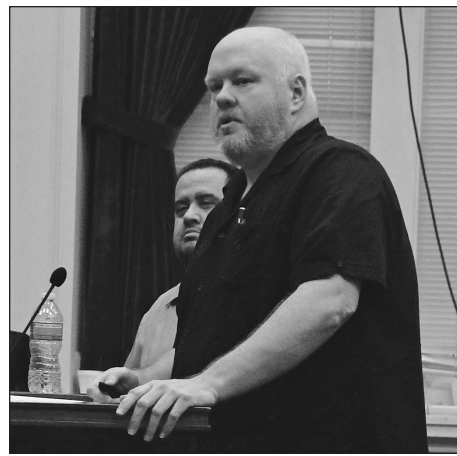
"In 2005, we had a total collection of 180,340 items, which included the main library and the new Southmost branch," Hedgecock told the commission. "Our total circulation was only 168,000 items basically. In 2012, our collection had grown to over 260,810 items and our circulation had greatly increased to over 500,000 items."

Overall, the library grew at a rate of 164 percent during the same period, he said.

Hedgecock compared the Southmost Branch to the Harlingen Public Library. He said the 45,000-square-foot Harlingen Public Library served 236,000 patrons in 2011, while the 20,000-square-foot Southmost branch served more than 239,000 patrons the same year.

Although Harlingen's library and the Brownsville Public Library's main branch both measure 45,000 square feet, the latter served more than twice as many patrons.

And while the McAllen Public Library measured 145,000 square feet in 2011 and



BRYAN ROMERO/COLLEGIAN

Brownsville Public Information Services Director Jerry Hedgecock talks about the Brownsville Public Library System's growth during the April 2 Brownsville City Commission meeting.

served 742,000 patrons, the Brownsville Public Library System served 775,000, Hedgecock said.

Between 1995 and 2012, patron visits in the Brownsville Public Library System grew 494 percent. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Brownsville's population grew from 133,000 in 1994 to 178,000 in 2011.

Hedgecock said the public library system has not increased its staff since 2005.

To counteract the challenges of its growth, the library system has implemented a paperless workflow, an automated catalog, a fully automated self-checkout and electronic computer reservation.

"The library has embarked on a program and the commission has funded our automation component where we have automated practically every process that we can automate," Hedgecock said.

"Now, over 95 percent of our patrons that come to the library do all of their transactions on their own. ... Instead of having to stand in line for five to 10 minutes ... they can go up there and within 30 seconds they can check out their materials and head out the door."

Later this year, patrons will be able to sign in to a computer with their library card instead of requiring the assistance of staff.

Problems that the system faces include limited seating, inadequate shelving space, lack of space to support technical services, inadequate space for children and teens' services and not enough supervisors and employees to maintain the collection.

Hedgecock said the public library system will next tackle the possibility of extending the current branches.

He praised the public library system's staff for being able to serve the community effectively despite the challenges.

"I'll put them up against anybody," Hedgecock said about the library staff.

Several commissioners showed interest in building a new branch instead of expanding the current branches.

"Of course, I'm going to advocate for District 2, but I would love to see a library in the Rivera [High School] area," District 2 Commissioner Jessica Tetreau said.

Mayor Tony Martinez said: "In the next couple of months, we should have some sort of coordinated effort with the city manager's office in trying to identify all the growth areas and the needs of the city and try to get a comprehensive plan and a budget that would be appropriate for what we see as the projection of the growth of the city as well as the economics of the city as we go forward."

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Retired Air Force Maj. Allen Snyder tells his story about World War II to students in Professor Manuel Medrano’s History 1302 class on March 28. Snyder flew bombing missions over Berlin.

Flying full circle

WWII pilot relates his experiences

By Cori Aiken
THE COLLEGIAN

When students in Professor Manuel Medrano’s History 1302 class were given the assignment, “What would you ask a WWII pilot if you had the opportunity?” they had no idea what would be in store for them.

Retired Air Force Maj. Allen Snyder, a decorated World War II veteran was on a mission March 28 when he stopped by

Medrano’s packed class to share his experiences as a pilot stationed in England during World War II, taking part in the Berlin Raids and to take questions from the students.

Nothing was off limits for the 91-year-old Brownsville native.

“C’mon, let’s get started,” he said as he sat down, ready to answer.

Questions from the students ranged from “What was it like to be away from your family in another country?” to “When was

the last time you flew a plane?”

Medrano said he was told about Snyder by a fellow diner while at a restaurant.

“He said, ‘There is a man that I know that was a pilot in WWII who tried calling the university wanting to tell a story, but nobody wanted to listen,’” Medrano recalled. “I said, ‘I want to listen!’”

Medrano’s son, Estevan, who is in his second year of graduate school at the University of North Texas, interviewed Snyder and is working on a documentary on the life of the former pilot. “Flying Full Circle” tracks Snyder’s early years, his time as a pilot, his travels around the world and his current life in Brownsville. The film will be completed next month.

Snyder was only 18 years old when he joined the Air Force in 1940. He was stationed in England, at a small base 50 miles outside of London, where he took part in the Berlin Raids. He described in great detail what each mission was like.

“We would wake up at 4 a.m., be taken to a small room, we’d sit down, and they’d slowly begin to uncover the map of Germany and I’d think, ‘We’re going back to Berlin.’”

He flew five missions to Berlin. Each operation took four hours over and four hours back. Snyder

flew a variety of planes during the war, including B-26, B-17 and B-29 bombers. He was on R&R in London when he learned WWII was over.

He says he is “happy and humbled” on the upcoming documentary about his life.

Snyder made his way back to the U.S. after the war and would continue in the Air Force with a variety of positions, such as test pilot and a maintenance officer. He also served in Korea before retiring in 1962. He received eight air medals during his career as a pilot for the Air Force.

Medrano said there is no better way to learn about history than hearing from someone who was actually there.

“Students get to see a person that is not in their textbook but was involved in the history, and it brings to life a lot of things students read about,” he said. “When you hear his experiences—he talks about the food that they ate and how he lived—well, that brings that history to life. It is exactly what I wanted for the class.”

Sophomore English major Claudia Gomez enjoyed Snyder’s lecture.

“I really liked hearing about Mr. Snyder’s time overseas,” Gomez said. “He seems like a very down-to-earth individual. I hope to be able to see the documentary when it’s done.”

Asked if he kept in touch with any of his fellow war buddies from his days in England, Snyder replied that he kept in touch with all of them over the years, but sadly, he is the last one left.

“I know they’re waiting for me in the sky,” he said.

Snyder said his time in the Air Force was “the most thrilling experience I have ever had and was a challenge on many levels.” He feels a sense of accomplishment and fulfillment in life.

“I feel proud when people thank me for my services,” he said.

After his lecture, the class thanked him with a round of applause and a couple of standing ovations. His mission was accomplished.

Downs’ cultural infusion packs Arts Center



HÉCTOR AGUILAR/COLLEGIAN

Lila Downs performs the steps for the song “Mezcalito” with a mezcal bottle on her head at the Arts Center April 6. Hundreds of people attended the event.

By Héctor Aguilar
THE COLLEGIAN

Hundreds packed the UTB/TSC Arts Center April 6 to enjoy Lila Downs’ innovative musical approach.

Not many seats were left empty as a sea of people all focused on the dark stage with a lighted flower-adorned microphone. When a braided Downs, dressed in a pink-layered dress with a train, took to the stage, the crowd went wild.

Her amalgamation of Mexican *rancheras*, American folk, jazz, blues and rock and her band La Misteriosa captured the audience’s attention so much that many sang along with her and cheered throughout the concert that lasted more than an hour.

During her performance of “Mezcalito” the Oaxaca-born singer danced with a bottle of mezcal atop her head, poured

some on the stage and took a drink.

La Misteriosa’s accompaniment added to the synergy of the performance, along with a screen that showed a psychedelic Downs live.

Other songs that Downs performed were “*Palomo del Comalito*,” “*Zapata se Queda*,” Mexican singer and songwriter José Alfredo Jiménez’s “*Vámonos*,” and Mexican composer Juan Záizar’s “*Cruz de Olvido*,” all of which form part of the new album “*Pecados y Milagros*.” She also performed hits from her previous productions “*La Cucaracha*” and “Perhaps, Perhaps, Perhaps.”

Marsha Betancourt, a retired visual arts supervisor for the Brownsville Independent School District, was among those that attended the concert. She found out about Downs on her travels to Oaxaca.

“I think we’re very fortunate to have gotten her to come here in this type of entertainment for the community and that we’re very lucky to be able to see someone like this, of her caliber,” Betancourt said.

Oaxacan artisan Claudia Martínez was also among the attendees.

“In general, I like her new songs the most,” Martínez said. “I like her interpretations of traditional and popular songs. I like the way she uses culture with the new music and new lyrics where she talks a lot about tradition, making tortillas, making *mole* and all of those things that are very popular and insignificant in our daily lives, but in fact are significant and important.”

Arts Center Director Dan Barnard was pleased with the concert’s results.

“It was every bit what I thought what it would be,” Barnard said. “She is so dynamic that even though I could not understand most of the language she was singing, I could not take my eyes off her, just incredible.”

Asked what a performance like Downs’ means to the Arts Center, Barnard replied: “It’s a mark of where we’ve come in the Signature Series. We’ve set a record for attendance and for ticket revenue, and I think that’s the correct direction for this facility, for this town. It was built for this kind of performance, so it’s a great way to showcase what we can do.”



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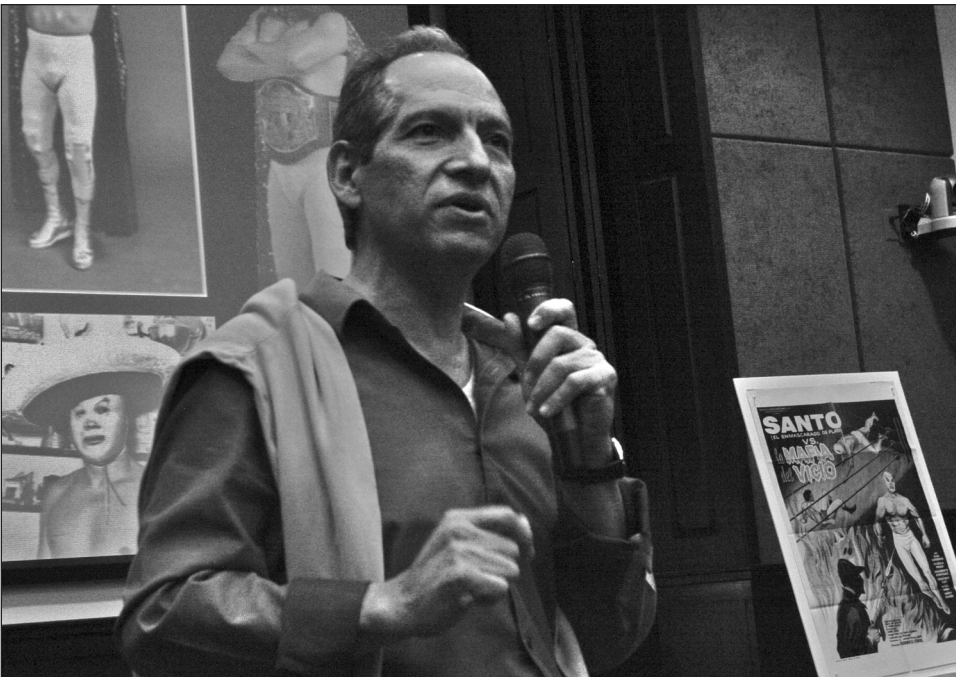
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From the days of *lucha libre*



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Rogelio Agrasánchez Jr., a Mexican cinema historian, talks about his father, who directed many of El Santo's films. Agrasánchez was among the speakers during the *lucha libre* presentation April 4 in the Education and Business Complex's Salón Cassia.

Lecture shows importance of Mexican wrestling

By Samantha Ruiz

THE COLLEGIAN

A presentation on *lucha libre*, the Mexican wrestling tradition in which rivals in bright, colorful masks fight each other with quick tricks and maneuvers, drew a crowd to the Education and Business Complex's Salón Cassia.

"The Cultural Dynamics of Mexican Wrestling" was the title of the April 4 lecture given by Javier Martinez, dean

of the College of Liberal Arts.

"We're looking at Mexican wrestling as something more than a televised event," Martinez told the audience. "[It's] something that incorporates and communicates to the audience the culture as a whole."

He said Mexican wrestling is a vehicle of expression that communicates a mirror image of oneself and shows what we wish we were and want to do.

He reflected on the history of the *lucha libre* films in the 1960s and '70s.

These movies brought out an essential goodness in the *luchadores*, always portraying good vs. evil and saving a damsel in distress, Martinez said.

Luchadores provide a mythic dimension that connects them to people.

Their mask, making their identity unknown, turns them into an everyman figure that everyone can relate to. The mask of a luchador is important because it is not just an accessory; it's a symbol, an attitude, a cultural icon, almost a projection of the soul.

If they lose their mask, they lose their powers, Martinez said.

He said that Mexican wrestling is a sort of intrusion of the unreal. Luchadores can be seen going about their everyday business wearing their masks.

In Mexican traditions, the real and fantasy worlds mingle.

"The Mexican *lucha libre* film picks up on that idea," Martinez said. "They insert into the mundane, everyday reality of our lives, this element of outlandishness, this element of bizarre and this element of uniqueness."

Martinez also spoke of Rodolfo Guzmán Huerta, better known as El Santo.

El Santo was one of the most famous luchadores in Mexico who was the first to gain superhero status.

The famous luchador starred as the hero in many films.

Huerta retired from wrestling in 1982 and two years later, he revealed part of his face, making the nation realize he was human.

On Feb. 5, Mexico celebrates the Feast of El Santo.

Martinez said wrestling is a spectacle almost like a carnival, where everyone

can participate.

Some luchadores have political subtext, such as Superbarrio, a luchador who wrestles on behalf of the poor.

"No matter how elaborate the fantasy it projects, it always helps to clarify the world we live in," Martinez said of Mexican wrestling. "This, I think, is why Mexican *lucha libre* film, the luchador, the wrestling matches ... are so important. This is why they give us so much, and this, I think, is why they continue to be so popular today."

Rogelio Agrasánchez Jr., a Mexican cinema historian, talked about his father, who was the director for some of El Santo's films.

His father directed the most famous film of El Santo, "*Las Momias de Guanajuato*."

Agrasánchez recalled visiting the set of the film when he was 16 and seeing crowds of people watch as it was filmed.

"El Santo came out just at the end of the movie," he said. "The whole story, Blue Demon and Mascaras have to battle the mummies, but they never win until the last second of the movie. El Santo arrives to town ... and they defeat the mummies."

Agrasánchez said Blue Demon became jealous of El Santo because the movie became all about him, when the other luchadores had appeared throughout the entire movie.

After the presentation, Sergio Gomez, a sophomore engineering physics-mechanical major, presented video clips of *lucha libre* fights that he compiled.

"*Lucha libre*, for many Americans, is something that represents Mexico," Gomez said.

He and other students conducted drawings for three masks and a T-shirt during their video presentation.



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Packing up

UTB to move out of TSC buildings and into its own facilities

By Marlane Rodriguez
THE COLLEGIAN

University of Texas at Brownsville faculty, staff and students will move into university property by midsummer, UT-Brownsville President Juliet V. García says.

The move is a result of the dissolution of the partnership between UTB and Texas Southmost College, which is scheduled to become official in 2015.

"We are, this summer, going to be moving people around quite a bit," García told *The Collegian* in a telephone interview April 8. "It means that we're going to try and move all faculty that are UT-Brownsville faculty into UT-Brownsville buildings. So, for a while here, it is going to be a little confusing about where everybody is."

In the next few weeks students are going to see information that says, "Here's going to be the new home of the College of Liberal Arts, for example," she said.

"By midsummer we should have everybody moved and ready for fall classes," García said. "But, we will continue to share

classrooms [with TSC] for the next few years because we're going to have too many students and too few UT-Brownsville classrooms."

UTB owns the Science and Engineering Technology Building, known as SET-B; the Life and Health Sciences Building, aka LHSB; the Education and Business Complex, aka EDBC; and the Biomedical Research Building, García said.

On Sept. 4, the UT System issued a request for proposals, or RFP, for land on which to build a new UTB campus. The system received 12 proposals.

The System's board of regents is close to making a decision on where the university's new location will be, García said.

"We are praying and hoping and we believe that they're going to do this ... at their May board meeting," she said. "Once they tell us where we're going to be, then we decide what that means in terms of campus development. We'll have lots of decisions to make once that decision is made."

Asked about the status of UTB's

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— President Juliet V. García, on classroom space

effort to rent buildings from TSC in the meantime, García replied: "We're still in discussion with [TSC]. We have not come to a final, but we are very close."

In a telephone interview with *The Collegian* last Wednesday, Texas Southmost College President Lily Tercero said: "Nothing has yet been finalized. I would hope that would be made in the next couple of months."

Late Thursday afternoon, the

President's Office sent a campuswide e-mail announcing more changes as the separation of the two entities continues:

--UT-Brownsville's information systems portal was renamed "UTB Online" in preparation of the separation of UTB and TSC functions.

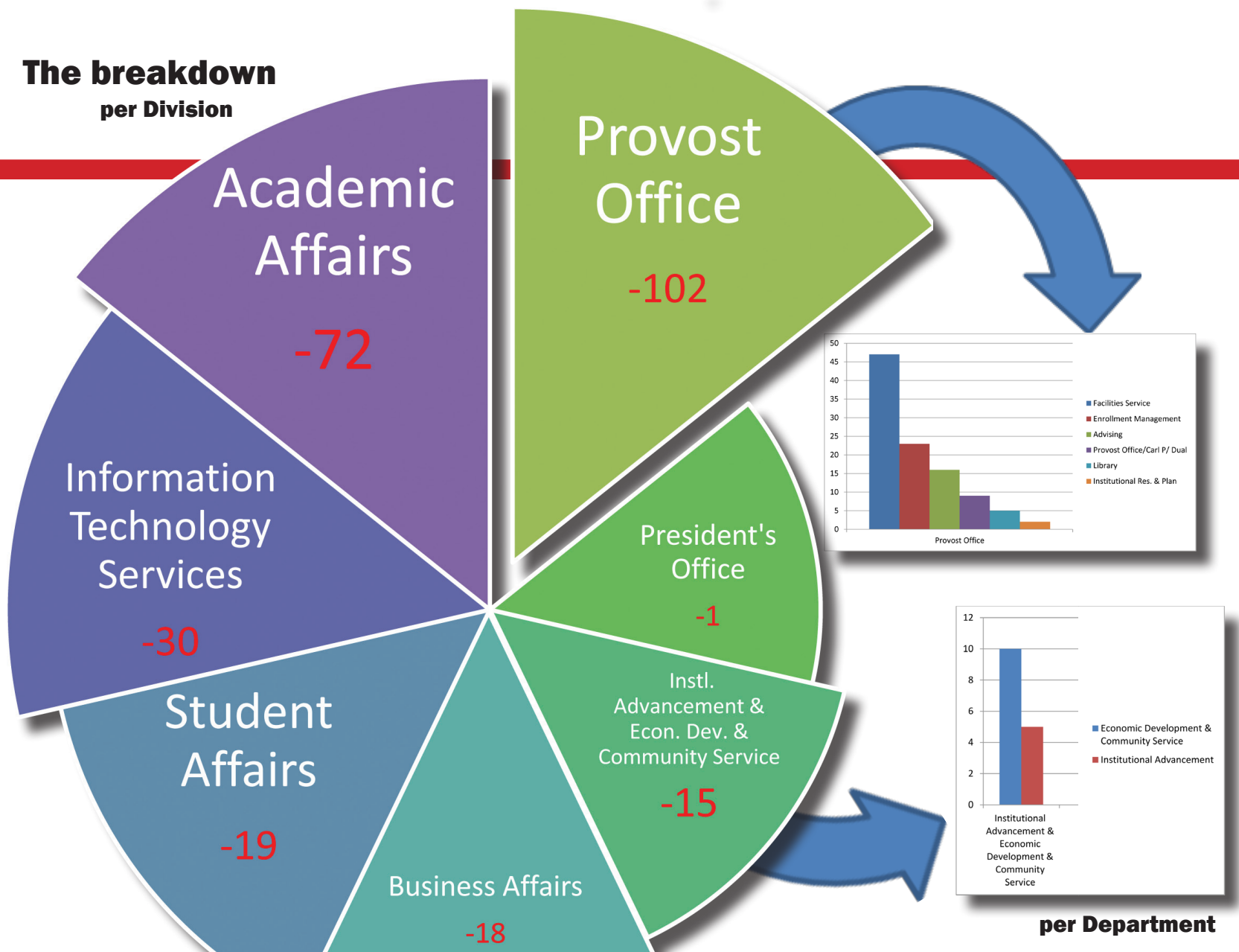
--UTB and TSC "have agreed that each entity will provide for its own services in the following areas to support Fall 2013

enrollment: Admissions, Testing, Catalog Production, Marketing Scheduling, Student Health Services, Disability Services, Advising, Registrar, Financial Aid and IT Enrollment portals."

--"The first floor of the Arnulfo L. Oliveira Memorial Library has been cleared and is undergoing renovation for TSC use, which includes the former areas for the library's bound collection, archives, Hunter Room and acquisitions."

--Beginning Sept. 1, the operation of the Center for Early Childcare Studies, the Raul J. Guerra Childcare Center and the Arts Center will be transferred to TSC.

--The final commencement ceremony for the UTB/TSC partnership will take place May 11. Hans Mark, who served as chancellor of the University of Texas System from 1984 to 1992, will give the keynote address. Mark was the keynote speaker at the first UTB/TSC partnership graduation in May 1992.



Staff RIF'd

Looking ahead

RIF'd UTB employee stays positive

By Marlane Rodriguez
THE COLLEGIAN

One of the UT-Brownsville employees affected by the reduction in force is relying on prayer to get her through the ordeal.

Sylvia Sanchez, a human resources specialist for the Human Resources Department who has worked for the university for four years, is among 257 staff members who received notice they will be terminated Aug. 31 as a result of the dissolution of the partnership between the University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College.

"Well, it's sad, of course. Everybody is going through the emotions," Sanchez replied when asked how she felt about being terminated. "It's something very hard that we have to cope with."

Asked how she is coping, she replied: "Personally, I reach out to the Lord. He is my shelter, He is my shield and He is my stronghold. He is the only one that can lift me up. He is the only one that can give us hope. We must not lose hope; there [are] better opportunities for us, for everyone."

Sanchez, who earned an associate's degree in accounting,

said she and fellow staff members from different departments established a prayer group for the reduction in force a year ago. Several members of Sanchez's prayer group also received notice that they will be terminated.

Sanchez said although it is hard she was let go, she feels honored. "I feel honored that I was also elected because I can feel their pain," she said. "I can be in their shoes, I can say, 'You know what?

"We wanted to prepare ourselves spiritually to be strong for one another, to be there for everybody." -- Sylvia Sanchez, on staff RIF

"We wanted to prepare ourselves spiritually to be strong for one another, to be there for everybody," she said. "We prayed for the president, for the provost, for the students, the faculty members and the staff members. We are going to continue doing this prayer. We are going to continue getting together during our lunch hours, continue seeking the Lord for strength."

Sanchez said she has many options and has already started looking for another job.

"I'm still in the process of job searching," she said. "I'm going to take advantage of the fact that they are going to give us the option to go through workshops. They're giving us the benefit, if

we need to leave for an interview that we have, or if we need to go to the Employment Development Center. I am very grateful and thankful that they are giving us this opportunity."

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that took place on April 2.

"Employees will be reassigned to new job duties effective June 1, and, basically, what it means is that anybody who has been impacted by right-sizing, their new job June 1 will be to get a job," Vice President for Business Affairs Rosemary Martinez said during that meeting.

The separation program provides a salary for employees through Aug. 31, so there will be almost five months of opportunity for employees to seek other employment, Martinez said.

Employees who are impacted by the involuntary separation will receive a severance, the amount of which will be based on years of service, she said.

Employees who worked between one and nine years will receive \$2,500; 10 to 19 years, \$3,000; 20-29 years, \$4,000; and 30 or more years, \$5,000, in addition to their salary through Aug. 31.

Last year, the university notified 89 faculty members that they would be terminated as of May 31.

With its separation from TSC, UT-Brownsville faces a reduced budget and a smaller student body. As per Texas statutes and Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board rules and regulations, the university cannot offer community college programs once the partnership ends.

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the President's Office, including 16 in the Academic Advising Department.

Asked how the services affected by the reduction in force will be provided, García replied: "How those services will be provided, in terms of the advising, we will have half as many advisers as we do right now because we expect to have, as you know, a smaller student body."

Because advisers are paid according to student fees, the university can only hire a number of advisers based on the student fees, she said.

"So how will [advising] be provided in the future? We have put all of the degree plans online, so that a student can first self-advice, which is very effective for many students," García said. "So they can get online and figure out where they are in the process towards obtaining their degree."

"And then, of course, we will have in-person advising available as well. There will simply be fewer of them. So you're going to see, I think, many students choose to do self-advising or come in to see advisers, but there's no question that it will take a little bit longer to get one-on-one with an adviser."

The university has become a member of my.edu, which is another automated or technology-supported advising system for students, García said.

Students will still have to pay a \$50 advising fee, however.

"In other words, a fee is assessed to a particular student so we would have only the purview to assess that fee to a UTB student and we intend to do that so that we can hire advisers for the University of Texas at Brownsville students," she said.

Students should not see any decline in service from the Physical Plant, García said.

"The difference will be that is only for 136 acres, which is what the university owns vs. when we were hiring for the entire campus," she said.

Asked if there were any negative incidents reported when staff members were given termination notices on April 2, the president said there were none.

"No, as a matter of fact, it was quite the opposite," García said in a telephone interview April 8. "There were a couple of very compelling stories."

One of them was the staff of the child care center.

"We told them, like everybody else, that they could go home for the day and take the next day off. And they looked at us and said, 'But then who will take care of the children?' and that 'we have to go back,' the president said. "The cook said, 'I have to cook their lunch' and somebody else said, 'I've got to take care of them and teach the class.' And they said, 'We're going back to work.' There were all kinds of reactions, but I thought that was extraordinary and generous."

The president said she talks to Texas Southmost College

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A good idea from a bad situation

Temp registration center set up amid RIF may become permanent

By Joe Molina
COLLEGIAN EDITOR

In light of April 2, the day when more than 250 UT-Brownsville staff members were made aware of their impending termination and registration for classes began, several departments in the Academic Affairs Division joined together to create a new center aimed at helping alleviate the escalating demand for student registration assistance.

The new registration assistance center, dubbed a "one-stop shop," is located on the first floor of the Arnulfo L. Oliveira Memorial Library and will remain available throughout the registration period ending April 19 due to positive feedback from students, officials say.

If students' positive feedback continues, though, the center could stay operational throughout May, René Villarreal, UT-Brownsville's associate vice president for Enrollment Management, said during a telephone interview last Thursday.

Although Villarreal prefers that the new center be viewed as a "get-it-done" teamwork effort rather than a "one-stop shop," he said students can expect to



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receive support for academic advising, admissions, registrar and financial aid services in one place, all of which were previously offered in different offices in Tandy Hall.

The center is not to be confused with Texas Southmost College's

similar registration structure, which is under construction at the Oliveira Library and is expected to open next month for Fall 2013 registration--the beginning of its trial run as an autonomous institution.

"What we do is we screen

[students] ... to identify their current question and/or scenario," Villarreal said, "and then we have them sit with a specialist in each corresponding area immediately. That way, they don't have to get referred from one building to another. It's really in-person and

Adviser Gilbert Hernandez helps freshman English major Andrea Torres register for classes last Thursday at the new registration assistance center in the Arnulfo L. Oliveira Memorial Library.

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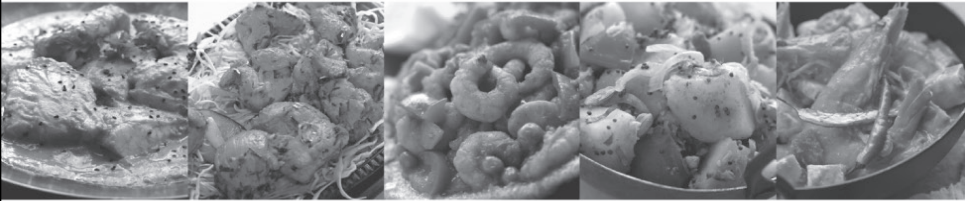
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President Lily Tercero regularly and has sent her the list of all of the employees that used to work for TSC before the partnership of UTB and TSC began.

“We’re calling them the 1992s because they worked at TSC in 1992,” García said, referring to the 23 staff and 24 faculty members from that era. “They can go back to TSC for a position now. ... [Tercero] asked me for all of their names and addresses and contact information so that she could personally write them a letter, explaining how they were going to do that. So, I expect that that will happen soon.”

Tercero told *The Collegian* she has received portions of the

list.

“I have received some of the information that we requested,” she said in a telephone interview last Wednesday. “I’m still waiting for additional information. We’re working on a process that we will visit with them shortly, as soon as I’m able to. We are committed to fulfilling the partnership agreement responsibility to the best of our ability.”

The faculty and staff were both included in the partnership agreement, Tercero said.

The 1992 UTB/TSC partnership agreement states: “In the event of termination of the educational partnership, U.T. Brownsville will identify all employees at U.T. Brownsville no longer required for continued employment

to fulfill partnership contract and to carry out TSC contract functions. TSC will offer faculty who had been employed by TSC on Aug. 31, 1992, comparable employment opportunities with TSC, at salary and benefit levels at least comparable to equivalent community college salaries and benefits. TSC will offer staff employees who had been employed by TSC on Aug. 31, 1992, comparable employment opportunities with TSC, at market salary and benefit levels.”

García said officials are also talking to other people in the community who might be interested in employing the staff who will be terminated.

She said the idea came up to set up a website that will include a description of why the

employees were valuable to the university.

“In essence, a website that would market the employees,” García said. “We’re going to be working to put that together starting today, with the cooperation of the employees themselves, who can help tell us tell their story.”

García said the Employee Development Center will oversee the website.

“There are folks in the community interested in hiring good people from us,” García said.

The Collegian also asked the president about her meeting with Staff Senate officers on April 1, the day before the termination notices were issued.

“It was a very productive

meeting,” García said. “There’s no question that they are tough meetings because of what we’re having to go through right now, but people are very candid. They’re truthful, they are honest and we have good discussion.”

Asked if it was true that she left the Staff Senate meeting early and in tears, as reported by a local blog, García replied: “I left after our part was done. They said thank you for coming and so I left immediately. I don’t know what happened after that. But there were no tears while I was there. But that doesn’t mean that there aren’t tears on this campus right now. So are there going to be very difficult moments on this campus? I expect that will be the case throughout the summer.”

TIPA

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Cleiri Quezada garnered third place in Spanish radio announcing and honorable mention in TV announcing.

Copy Editor Héctor Aguilar received third place in radio advertising and honorable mention for Spanish TV announcing.

In the previously published and broadcast category of the competition *The Collegian* and UTB Radio received 19 awards.

Zúñiga received first and third places in Spanish writing for her articles on the DREAM Act (“Para cumplir el sueño, hay que conocer las reglas” and on member of Grupo Folklórico Tizatlán who was chosen to perform with Mexico City’s Ballet Amalia Hernández (“Un sueño que empieza bailando).

Former photographer Miguel Angel Roberts received second place in Division 1 Online Best Slide Show for “Hueso de Fraile,” about a coffeeshouse in downtown Brownsville, and in Division 2 News Photo for capturing the scene of a body found on campus.

Roberts and Collegian Editor Joe Molina won third place in Division 1 Online: Best Breaking News for the story and photo of the body found on campus.

Molina also claimed honorable mention in Division 2 Headline for “From their hips to your ears,” about the “Vagina Monologues” performance and Division 1 Online: Best Blog for his article “An expensive love connection,” about Super PACs.

Former Collegian Editor Rene Cardona Jr. received third place for Division 2: In-Depth Reporting for his article on UT-Brownsville’s new grading policy.

Former cartoonist Michelle Serrano received third place in Division 1 Online: Best Blog for her article, “You’ll never work in this town again.”

Collegian Reporter Alex Rodriguez won third place in Division 2: Sports Action Photo, which captured a UTB women’s soccer player scoring a goal during a game against Our Lady of the Lake University.

Collegian Online Editor Monica Cano received honorable mention in Division 1 Online: Best Interactivity.

Collegian Reporter Kaila Contreras received honorable mention in TV News Non-Feature Story for her piece on the Center for Civic Engagement’s “Rock the Vote” event.

Former Collegian Sports

Editor Valerie Secrease received third place in Division 2 Sports News Story for an article on the closing of the baseball program and honorable mention in TV Sportscast.

Aside from her live contest awards, Quezada received honorable mention in Radio Documentary for “Valentine’s Day Single” and in Radio Public Affairs for “World AIDS Day.” She shared honorable mention in Radio Production with UTB Radio Station Manager Moises Grimaldo and Robert Ruiz for their video parody of the megahit “Gangnam Style.”

Former UTB Radio Station Manager Leslie Barrientos was awarded honorable mention in Radio Feature Story for “Colorful Minds.”

The Collegian was awarded honorable mention in Division 2: Overall Excellence.

TIPA’s 2013 Hall of Fame inductees included former CBS News Anchor Dan Rather and Kathleen McElroy, the Harrington Doctoral Fellow at the University of Texas School of Journalism. The Hall of Fame Luncheon speaker was Bob Ray Sanders, associate editor and senior columnist for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

‘WHAT THE BEST COLLEGE STUDENTS DO’

Today: Ken Bain, author of the best-seller, “**What the Best College Students Do**,” will conduct three presentations for students: (9 to 9:50 a.m., 10 to 10:30 a.m. and 11 to 11:30 a.m. in the Student Union’s Gran Salón) and one for faculty (2:30-4 p.m. in the Education and Business Complex’s Salón Cassia). Bain is provost and vice president for academic affairs and a professor of history and urban education at the University of the District of Columbia. The event is sponsored by the Title V STEM Learning Communities.

DRESS FOR SUCCESS CONFERENCE

Today: The fourth annual **Dress for Success Student Professionalism Conference** takes place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Student Union. Activities include résumé checking and a fashion show from 12:15 to 1 p.m. For more information, call the Title V Department at 882-7004.

BOUGAINVILLEA COURT APPLICATIONS

Tuesday: Applications for candidacy in the **2013 Bougainvillea Court elections** are available in the **Office of Student Life** and must be turned in before 5 p.m. in Student Union 2.16. Applicants must be members of a registered student organization that is in good standing with the Office of Student Life. Elections will take place April 22-24 via Blackboard. “**A Night in Old Hollywood**” is the theme of this year’s **Bougainvillea Ball**, scheduled from 6 to 11 p.m. April 27 in the Student Union’s Gran Salón. For more information, call 882-5138 or visit www.studentlife.utb.edu.

‘TAKING CARE OF YOUR EMOTIONAL MIND’

Tuesday: Student Health Services Campus Suicide Prevention Program and Active Minds, a student organization at UTB/TSC, will host a forum on the de-

stigmatization of mental illness from noon to 1:30 p.m. in SET-B 3.232. The discussion panel will include the department’s professional mental health practitioners as well as members of the Active Minds group. Food will be provided and the first 50 students to attend the event will receive a Subway \$5 gift card. For more information, call Peer Health Educator **Marianela Guzman** at 882-3896.

‘COOKING TIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS’

Thursday: Learn simple cooking tips and about scholarships by attending to the **Student Success workshop**, “**Cooking Tips and Scholarships**,” scheduled from 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. in SET-B. For more information, call 882-8292.

BUSY MOMS SUPPORT GROUP

Thursday: Student Health Services invites UTB/TSC students who are mothers to participate in the **Busy Moms Support Group** from noon to 1 p.m. every Thursday in Cortez Hall 237 until May 17. The purpose of the group is to educate mothers in parenting skills, child development, mental health issues, learning processes, health and safety for children and wellness and health for mothers. This Thursday’s topic will be “**Mental Disorders in Children**.” For more information, call 882-3896.

SPELLING BEE

April 25: The **Center for Civic Engagement** will host a **Corporate Community Spelling Bee** at 7 p.m. in the Brownsville Events Center. Participants must be 18 years or older in order to compete. The event will consist of different teams and each team will be awarded for best spelling team, costume and most spirited. For more information, call the center’s Administrative Assistant **Estela Martinez** at 882-4300.

--Compiled by Brenda Lopez

POLICE REPORTS

The following are among the incidents reported to Campus Police between March 18 and 22.

Monday, March 18

3:43 p.m.: A student reported \$40 missing from his wallet when he went to claim it at the Campus Police station. Earlier that day, the student used the restroom in the Education and Business Complex and later noticed that his wallet was missing from the back pocket of his pants. He went to Campus Police to see if anyone had turned it in and verified it was his but noticed that cash was missing.

Wednesday, March 20

9:32 a.m.: A visitor received a citation for displaying two different license plates and for not having a driver’s license after a Campus Police staff member issued her a ticket for parking in a faculty parking lot. The woman said she was on campus to register for classes and did not

have a driver’s license but had completed the required driving courses a week ago. She had recently purchased her vehicle and recently received the license plates but was only able to place the front one. She left her old license plate on the back. Both license plates were registered under her name.

Friday, March 22

3:35 p.m.: A student reported his iPad mini missing from his apartment in Casa Bella. The student said he had left the tablet on the living room coffee table the day before. When he returned at night, the iPad was gone. He said one of his roommates told him he had not taken the iPad.

4:30 p.m.: A student was transported to the Valley Regional Medical Center-Brownsville after he complained

of severe pain from a surgery that he had recently undergone.

5:30 p.m.: A student was found to be in possession of drug paraphernalia after a resident assistant reported a strong smell of marijuana coming from a room in Casa Bella. The resident assistant had been conducting a random room inspection when she noticed the smell and saw an empty bottle of alcohol in the restroom at the student housing complex. The student was not in the apartment at the time. The Campus Police officer found a pink marijuana crusher with pot residue, an Altoids tin, a smoking pipe and an ashtray in a cabinet. The student was to be given a citation at a later time.

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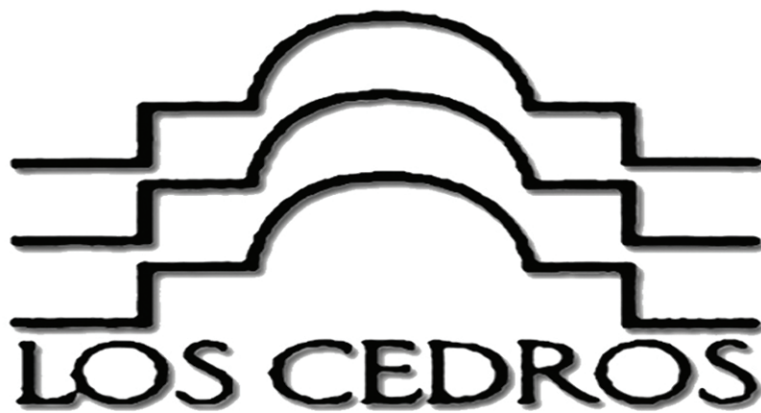
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García: UTB no tendrá más reducción de personal

La rectora explica cómo la Universidad seguirá trabajando con menos empleados

Por **Marlane Rodríguez**
THE COLLEGIAN

Después de que sean despedidos 89 profesores el próximo mes y 257 trabajadores en agosto, no habrá más reducciones de personal en UT-Brownsville, dijo la rectora Juliet V. García.

Esta declaración de García surgió después de que se le notificó a 257 personas que su contrato laboral terminaría el 31 de agosto. El año pasado, 89 miembros del profesorado fueron avisados de su despido; el próximo 31 de mayo será su último día de trabajo.

Se le preguntó en una entrevista telefónica el 2 de abril si habría más recortes en el personal, ella respondió: “No, ninguno, ninguno. Esto es todo”.

La mayoría de los 257 trabajadores de UT-Brownsville que fueron despedidos trabajan en departamentos de la Oficina del Preboste, de acuerdo a la información que la Oficina de la Rectora le proporcionó a *The Collegian*, incluyendo a 16 personas en el Departamento de Asesoría Académica. (Ver gráfica anexa).

Al preguntársele sobre cómo los servicios serán afectados por la reducción de personal, García respondió: “Cómo serán proveídos esos servicios, en términos de la asesoría, tendremos la mitad de asesores que tenemos ahora porque esperamos tener, como sabes, un cuerpo estudiantil más pequeño”.

Debido a que el salario de los asesores proviene de las cuotas estudiantiles, la universidad solamente puede contratar un número de asesores proporcional a esas cuotas, dijo ella.

“Entonces, ¿cómo ofreceremos asesoría en el futuro? Hemos puesto todos los planes de estudio en línea para que el estudiante pueda auto-asesorarse primero, lo que es muy efectivo para muchos alumnos”, dijo García. “Así que pueden acceder en línea y darse cuenta en qué lugar se encuentran en el proceso de obtener su título”.

Y agregó: “Entonces, por supuesto, también vamos a tener asesoría personal disponible. Simplemente va a haber menos personal. Así que te vas a dar cuenta, creo, que muchos estudiantes eligen asesorarse por sí mismos o venir a ver a un asesor, pero no hay duda de que va a ser más tardado conseguir una cita con un asesor”.

Los estudiantes no verán ninguna disminución en los servicios que ofrece la Planta de Infraestructura, dijo García.

“La diferencia será que contrataremos personal para 55 hectáreas, que es lo que mide la propiedad de la universidad, que se compara con el personal que contratábamos para todo el campus”, dijo ella.

La universidad se volvió miembro

de my.edu, que es otro sistema de asesoría tecnológica automatizada para estudiantes, dijo García.

Sin embargo, los estudiantes tendrán que seguir pagando una cuota de asesoría de \$50.

“En otras palabras, una cuota se fija a un estudiante en particular así que tendremos solamente la autoridad de fijar esa cuota a los alumnos de UTB y queremos hacer eso para contratar asesores para los estudiantes de la Universidad de Texas en Brownsville”.

Se le preguntó si se reportó algún incidente negativo cuando se les avisó de su despido a los trabajadores el 2 de abril. La rectora dijo que no hubo ninguno.

“No, de hecho, sucedió lo opuesto”, dijo García en una entrevista telefónica el 8 de abril. “Hubo un par de historias muy inspiradoras”.

Una de ellas fue del personal de la guardería.

“Les dijimos, como a todos los demás, que podían irse a casa y tomarse el siguiente día libre. Pero ellos nos miraron y dijeron: ‘¿Y quién se va a hacer cargo de los niños?’ y ‘tenemos que regresar’”, dijo la rectora. “La cocinera dijo: ‘Tengo que hacerles de comer’; alguien más dijo: ‘Tengo que hacerme cargo de ellos e impartirles la clase’. Y dijeron: ‘Vamos a regresar a trabajar’. Hubo todo tipo de reacciones, pero pienso que esa fue extraordinaria y generosa”.

La rectora dijo que está en contacto regular con Lily Tercero, la rectora de Texas Southmost College, y que le ha enviado una lista de todos los empleados que solían trabajar para TSC antes del comienzo de su sociedad con UTB.

“Les llamamos los de 1992 porque trabajaron en TSC en esa fecha”, dijo García, refiriéndose a los 23 trabajadores y 24 profesores de esa época. “Ahora pueden volver a trabajar en TSC... [Tercero] me pidió sus nombres, direcciones e información de contacto para escribirles personalmente una carta explicándoles cómo van a hacerlo. Así que espero que suceda pronto”.

Tercero le dijo a *The Collegian* que ha recibido partes de la lista.

“He recibido algo de la información que pedimos”, dijo en una entrevista telefónica el miércoles pasado. “Aún estoy esperando información adicional. Estamos trabajando en un proceso en el que vamos a reunirnos con ellos en poco tiempo, en cuanto pueda hacerlo. Estamos comprometidos a cumplir con la responsabilidad del acuerdo de la sociedad lo mejor que podamos”.

Los profesores y el personal están incluidos en el acuerdo de la sociedad, dijo Tercero.

Según el contrato de la sociedad de UTB/TSC: “En caso de que se dé fin a la sociedad educativa, U.T. Brownsville

Reducción de personal por división



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identificará a los empleados de U.T. Brownsville que no sean requeridos para seguir en su puesto para cumplir con el contrato de la sociedad y para llevar a cabo las gestiones de los contratos de TSC. TSC ofrecerá a los profesores que trabajaron en TSC el 31 de agosto de 1992 oportunidades de empleo comparables en TSC, a los niveles de salario y beneficios que, por lo menos, se comparen al salario y beneficios de los de una institución de este tipo. TSC ofrecerá a los empleados que trabajaron en TSC el 31 de agosto de 1992 oportunidades de empleo comparables con los niveles de salario y beneficios del mercado”.

García dijo que oficiales de la universidad están contactando a otros miembros de la comunidad que puedan estar interesados en contratar a los trabajadores que fueron despedidos.

Dijo que tienen la idea de hacer un sitio web en el que se incluirán las razones por las que los trabajadores eran valiosos para la universidad.

“En esencia, es un sitio web que va a poner a los empleados en el mercado laboral”, dijo García. “Vamos a trabajar para llevarlo a cabo juntos desde hoy, con la cooperación de los mismos empleados, quienes pueden ayudarnos a contar sus

historias”.

García dijo que el Centro de Desarrollo de los Trabajadores va a supervisar el sitio web.

“Hay personas de la comunidad que están interesadas en contratar a nuestra gente”, dijo García.

The Collegian también preguntó sobre su visita con los directivos del Gobierno de Empleados el primero de abril, el día anterior a las notificaciones de despido.

“Fue una reunión muy productiva”, dijo García. “No hay duda de que son reuniones difíciles debido a la situación por la que estamos pasando, pero las personas son muy francas. Son sinceras, honestas y tuvimos una buena discusión”.

Se le preguntó si es verdad que se retiró de la reunión del Gobierno de Empleados antes de tiempo y en lágrimas, como lo reportó un blog local. García respondió: “Me fui cuando habíamos cumplido con nuestra parte. Me agradecieron por haber ido, así que me retiré de inmediato. No sé qué pasó después de eso. Pero no hubo lágrimas mientras estuve ahí. Aunque eso no significa que no hay lágrimas en el campus actualmente. Entonces, ¿habrá momentos muy difíciles en este campus? Creo que ese será el caso durante el verano”.

Contribución a la enseñanza

El preboste de UT-Brownsville Alan Artibise sostiene un cheque de \$50,000 donado por la empresa Keppel AmFELS para el fondo de una beca en UTB durante una ceremonia el pasado jueves en el patio de Biomedical Sciences Building. Keppel AmFELS, una de las empresas manufactureras de plataformas marítimas más grandes del Golfo de México, ha donado esta beca durante varios años y pretende llegar a la meta de \$100,000, según un comunicado de prensa de la Oficina de Noticias e Información. Junto a Artibise, se encuentra el decano de la Escuela de Administración de Empresas Mark Kroll (desde la izquierda), el vice presidente de Recursos Humanos de Keppel AmFELS Gilbert Elizondo, el estudiante de matemáticas de tercer año y recipiente de la beca del año pasado Phong Nguyen, la rectora de UT-Brownsville Juliet V. García, el presidente y director ejecutivo de Keppel AmFELS G.S. Tan y el decano de la Facultad de Ciencias, Matemáticas y Tecnología Mikhail Bouniaev.



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Open tryouts for women’s soccer

Teams prepare for fall semester; golf conferences near

By Michelle Espinoza
THE COLLEGIAN

UT-Brownsville will conduct tryouts for its women’s soccer team from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday on the UTB/TSC soccer field.

Tryouts are open to current UTB/TSC students and high school students who are juniors and seniors. Participants must bring athletic attire, soccer cleats, shin guards, a soccer ball, a water bottle and sunscreen. For more information, call Women’s Head Soccer Coach Nik Barjaktarevic at 882-7385.

Barjaktarevic said he is finalizing the Fall 2013 recruiting class, but has not yet signed any new players.

In other Athletics Department news, the UTB/TSC Men’s and Women’s golf teams took seventh out of eighth place and ninth out of 12th place, respectively, in the Bash at the Beach tournament hosted by Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University April 6 and 7 on the LPGA International Golf Course in Daytona Beach, Fla.

Gage Murphy scored the best individually for the men, tying in 14th place with a score of 150 in the two-day/two-round event. Marcus Cavazos had a final score of 151; Saad Milan, 156; Eric Cavazos, 159; and Jeff Hoover,

177. Florida’s Johnson & Wales University won the men’s tournament with a team score of 587.

Alainey Muro led the UTB/TSC Women’s Golf Team with a two-day score of 169. Veronika Vasquez posted a final score of 176; Angela Zepeda, 195; Cat Lira, 197; and Paulette Tostado, 244, according to a news release from the Athletics Department.

Lynn University took the win for the women’s team in the tournament with a two-round score of 622.

The women will get back in action at their conference tournament, which will be hosted by Southwestern College on April 22 in Oklahoma City.

The men will travel to Houston for the Red River Athletic

Conference tournament April 29, hosted by the University of St. Thomas.

Asked how he feels about going to conference, Golf Coach Anthony Lopez told *The Collegian*: “I feel good. ... I have a good feeling about this year. We’ve had good play all year, but we haven’t had that full tournament, and I have a good feeling that either the team or someone individually is going to play very, very well, so I’m excited about both and very optimistic.”

The UTB/TSC Volleyball Team defeated Texas A&M University-Kingsville and the University of Texas-Pan American in scrimmages held April 6 at the UTPA Fieldhouse.

“I just thought that the girls played really well,” Athletics Director and Volleyball Coach

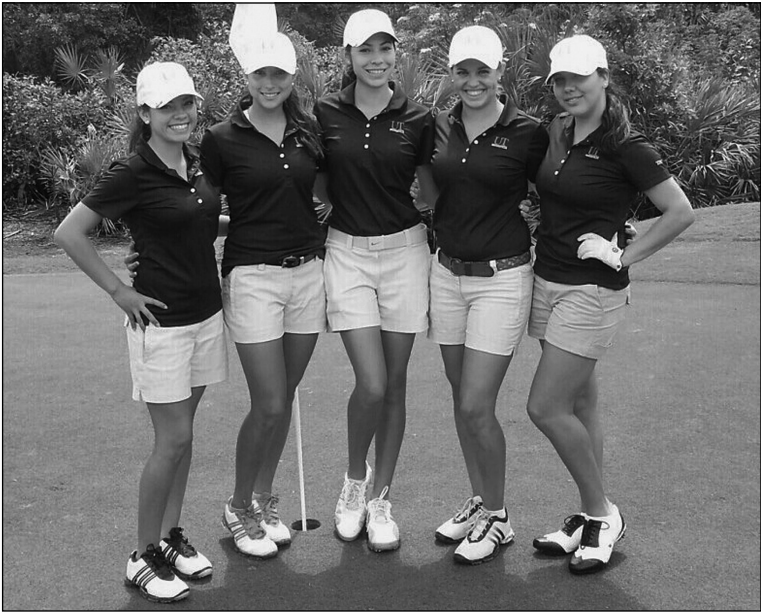


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The UTB/TSC’s Women’s Golf Team poses at the Bash at the Beach tournament held April 6 and 7 in Daytona Beach, Fla. The women finished ninth out of 12 teams. Shown (from left) are Angela Zepeda, Cat Lira, Veronika Vasquez, Alainey Muro and Paulette Tostado.

Todd Lowery told *The Collegian* last Wednesday. “A lot of the stuff that we’re working on during the

spring translated to the court, and we were really happy with the performance.”



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Sin Nombre Again edges Inter

Sin Nombre Again team member Joel Fernandez (center) aims for the net while Inter goalie Eduardo Mendez tries to defend during Campus Recreation’s soccer intramurals playoffs April 5 on the REK Center field. Also shown is Inter defender Jorge Vela (left). Sin Nombre Again defeated Inter 5-4. Division champions were men’s team CFL United, who defeated Mezquital 7 to 3; women’s team, the Pumas, overcame the Backstreet Girls 3 to 2 with penalty kicks; and co-ed team L.U.F.C., who crushed Street Wizards 3 to 0, according to Campus Recreation Intramural/Club Sports Coordinator Raul Cano.

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Volunteer Rudy Garay walks next to the cages where dogs are fed while their cages inside the shelter are cleaned. The shelter welcomes volunteers who are 16 and older to help walk dogs, bathe animals and clean the facility.



A puppy taken to the shelter on April 4 looks out from its cage, waiting to be adopted. "The adoption process is very simple," Animal Shelter Supervisor Robert Dippong said. Those who find a dog or cat that they like in the shelter may fill out an application and a contract. Once the contract is signed, one must go next door to the clinic and pay the \$96 adoption fee. The fee covers veterinary services such as spaying or neutering, a physical examination, a rabies vaccination, de-worming, a heartworm test and a microchip.

Brownsville Animal Regulation & Care Center

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The facility is equipped with designated areas where visitors can play with an animal they are considering for adoption. Donations of toys, food, towels, newspaper and blankets for the animals are accepted.



Maggie Soyka (left) and Leticia Ramirez sit on a bench at the Catherine B. Stillman Dog Park located next to the shelter. Both come to the park regularly with their dogs. The park is open daily from 7 a.m. to dusk.



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Members of the Communities Handling the Advancement and Networking of Gender Equity (C.H.A.N.G.E.) include (front row, from left) Vice President Niccale Alibin and President David Hernandez. Middle row: Treasurer Audra V. Pancoast, Historian Vanessa Aviles, Angelica Rodriguez, Secretary Ricardo Arista and William Szpak. Back row: Historian Rafael Chico and Georgina Ramos.

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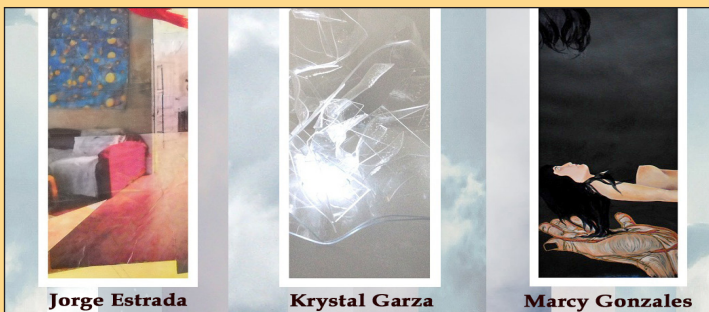
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--Compiled by Brenda Lopez



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Fragments of Being

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HOROSCOPES

‘It’s not Héctor’s fault; he just writes what the planets tell him.’

By Héctor Aguilar
THE COLLEGIAN

Aries (March 21-April 19): Vulnerability is not a characteristic that usually describes you, so keep it that way. It seems that with the festivities of last week, money has and will be heading your way. From here on out, keep on track with your list of things to do and you will excel.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): If you’re currently in doubt about a choice you have to make, take the time to meditate and analyze the consequences. When the time comes to make your decision you will be prepared. Remember, Taurus, the decisions you take affect others as well.

Gemini (May 21-June 21): Changing your diet for the better can have a huge impact on your health, Gemini. It’s amazing the amount of energy you can get from healthy foods! Increase the amount of fruits and vegetables you consume.

Cancer (June 22-July 22): Keys are meant to open doors, Cancer, but so are you! Strategize on how to achieve that complicated plan you need to tackle. The thing to keep in mind is not to take no for an answer. Argue if you must, but don’t desist!

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): It’s time you analyzed the way you communicate with others. If your idea of communicating with others involves sending pesky e-mails multiple times a day, leave that behind unless, of course, you’re a debt collector. Respect boundaries, Leo!

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Exercise should be a normal part of your day.

If this is not the case, Virgo, what are you waiting for? By incorporating your favorite songs to your exercise routine, you can eliminate the boredom and increase the fun!

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Increase your knowledge this week: Read the newspaper, watch the newscast. It’s important to be up to date on what is happening in this world you call home.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Sports could be a great way to get back in shape if you’re out of it. Find as many ways as possible to move. Watch out for heart problems and don’t consume a lot of fatty foods.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Cooking may be the way to go if you want to save some lunch money this semester, Sagittarius. You have many abilities, and this may just be another one of them. Remember: A penny saved is a penny earned.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan 19): Optimism is what you will need to arm yourself with this week, Capricorn. As far as your financial situation is concerned, it seems quite stable. Keep up the careful watch on your funds.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Only you have the power to change your life. Sink or swim, it’s all in your hands. Try not to live in your head so much and come to the real world.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Life may seem to be quite hectic lately; do not give up! Sooner or later you will reap what you’ve sown. Remain optimistic to the best of your ability and it will all seem like a distant thing pretty soon.

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Tuesday: Associate Professor **John Cook’s Gender and Communication** class will present a series of skits and discussions on various gender issues faced in our society, from conception to death, at 6 p.m. in the SET-B Lecture Hall. Admission is free. For more information, call 882-8297.

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Friday: The Camille Playhouse will present the musical comedy “**Once upon a Mattress**” at 8 p.m. The show will also be performed at 8 p.m. April 20, 26 and 27, and at 2:30 p.m. April 21 and 28. Tickets are \$5 to \$15. For more information, call 542-8900.

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April 27: An unforgettable evening of South Indian dance focusing on the relationship between nature and man will be performed at 7:30 p.m. in the Arts Center as part of the **Signature Series**. For tickets (\$29 to \$65), call 882-7750.

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